



# AEOLIS

**Cultural Development Society of Lesvos Island**  
**Languages, Cultures, Development**  
**Non profit organization**

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**AEOLIS-Cultural Development Society of Lesvos Island** develops *cultural activities and initiatives* mainly in the **area of cultural tourism**. Its aim is to sensitize and mobilize the citizens of Lesvos towards developing and promoting the Greek culture worldwide, as well as promoting the value of cooperation amongst persons and countries through the exchange of cultural elements, cultural production and the preservation of the natural environment of the island and the area of the Aegean Sea.

More specifically, the organization aims at:

- **Promoting Lesvos's culture**, indigenous artists, and generally promoting the cultural as well as the natural quality of the island.
- **Bringing different cultures in contact with each other.**
- **Promoting the Greek language**, Ancient Greek as well as Modern Greek, and **supporting** all those who teach Greek as a second or foreign language.
- **Mobilizing the citizens of Lesvos**, the mass media and the general social environment, towards actions concerning the preservation of the Greek cultural tradition and of the natural environment of Greece and of Lesvos in particular.

- **Creating** to the visitors and foreign inhabitants of our country **positive feelings** towards Greece, and **supporting the Greeks living abroad** by any possible means.

- **Developing a spirit of cooperation** amongst institutions, in the national as well as the international level, a network which take action in the fields of the arts, languages, peace, environmental protection and sustainable development.

AEOLIS organizes cultural activities, develops actions in the field of cultural tourism, organizes theatre and cinema shows, music events, cultural visits and excursions, workshops and conferences which aim at informing and sensitizing the citizens on Greek language and art, the natural environment and the global cultural heritage.

Aeolis runs an international summer programme on Greek Language and Culture with people from all over the world. It is a partner institution in the **EU project "Sing, Smooth and Smile"** on therapeutic Impact of Traditional Music and the leading organization of the **Cultural Tourism Network** in Lesvos Island

## **Greek Language and Culture Programme**

AEOLIS organizes every year (during the Easter and summer months) a complete cultural-educational programme on Greek language for non native speakers, visitors of Lesvos.

The courses were intended for:

- Visitors of Lesvos
- Foreign students in Hellenic Studies Programmes in Universities abroad as well as foreign students of Universities in Greece.
- Professionals who work or wish to work with the Greek Language (interpreters/ translators, teachers of Ancient Greek, embassy officers, employees in enterprises, etc)

### **Greek Language Programme**

Intensive Greek language courses specially designed in order to address the educational needs of non native students. The Programme of Studies is divided into seven classes, covering all levels. Special programmes are also offered, in order to address the need of professionals working with Greek: Greek Language Programmes for Interpreters and Translators, Greek Literature, "Katharevousa", Legal Terminology, Financial Terminology, Three Month Perfection Programme, Preparation of Programme for the Certificate of Attainment in Greek.

### **"My Greece" Cultural Programme**

Learning holidays in Greece. Instruction by experts, hands-on experience, guided tours, rural tourism activities. Additional educational activities for the students, with a cultural and intercultural content (conversation classes, lectures, audio visual presentation on **History, the Arts and Society, Greek dances** and **singing** lessons, **Greek cookery** classes, **walks and excursions** to places of unique beauty and cultural significance, etc.)